

Appendix D: San Luis Valley Public Lands Center Specific Action Preparedness Guide: Levels I-V

Specific Action Preparedness Guide- Level I

SLV PLC SPECIFIC ACTION PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

LEVEL I: No large fire activity on public lands or adjacent lands. Most field offices have low to moderate fire severity index and/or Haines Index is in very low range (2-3). Little or no commitment of resources locally or nationally.

LEVEL	MANAGEMENT ACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS	RESPONSIBILITY
I	A. Review and update all operating plans and cooperative agreements - Preseason.	SLV PLC and Field Office FMO's
	B. Update Fire Management Actions Plans/Mobe Guides - Preseason.	Dispatch and Field Office FMO's
	C. Identify and train personnel to meet possible Expanded Dispatch Organization and field office dispatching needs.	SLV PLC/Field Office FMO's and Dispatcher
	D. Prepare preseason BPA's and Equipment Rental Agreements - Preseason.	Contracting officer, SLV PLC/Field Office FMO's
	E. RAWs (Remote Automated Weather Station) serviced and activated before fire season starts so they can adjust properly.	Field Office FMO's and Dispatcher
	F. Fire Qualifications updated and Redcards completed, Work Capacity Tests administered.	SLV PLC FMO/Dispatcher and Field Office FMO
	G. Incident Support Organization and Type III IMT updated. Identify and train personnel to meet organizational needs.	SLV PLC FMO/Dispatcher
	H. Preparedness reviews (pre-season) & meetings with other agencies, as needed including Alamosa Seat Base Start up.	Unit Aviation Officer SLV PLC and Field Office FMO's
	I. SLV PLC Communication system operational.	Communications Officer
	J. Analyze Fire Severity, resources committed and Haines Index for preparedness levels.	SLV PLC FMO and Dispatcher
	K. Prescribed fire operations monitored	SLV PLC FMO and Dispatcher
	L. Information on previous day's fire activity sent to Dispatcher by 0930.	Field Office FMO's
	M. During fire season, Situation Report is prepared and sent to PIDC by 1000.	Dispatcher

NOTE: Each action specified under a level is in addition to all actions taken in preceding levels.

Specific Action Preparedness Guide- Level II

SLV PLC SPECIFIC ACTION PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

LEVEL II: One or more Field Office experiencing moderate to high fire severity. Haines Index low-mod(3-4). Class A, B, and small C fires occurring and a potential exists for escapes to larger (project) fires. Resources within the SLV PLC and local cooperators are handling the situation. The Potential exists for additional resources from PIDC.

LEVEL	MANAGEMENT ACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS	RESPONSIBILITY
II	A. Analyze Fire Severity, resources committed and Haines index for preparedness levels.	SLV PLC FMO and Dispatcher
	B. Alert PAO for news releases to media concerning prevention and/or suppression.	SLV PLC FMO
	C. Check with field offices for needed actions for prevention, detection, preparedness, and suppression.	SLV PLC FMO
	D. Prescribed burning operations reviewed at the start of each day before any new ignitions.	Prescribed Fire Manager and SLV PLC FMO
	E. Detection Flights as needed.	Requested by Field Office FMO's
	F. Fire Weather Forecasts will be transmitted to all fire units on the radio and acknowledged after forecast is read.	SLV PLC FMO and Dispatcher

NOTE: Each action specified under a level is in addition to all actions taken in preceding levels.

Specific Action Preparedness Guide- Level III

SLV PLC SPECIFIC ACTION PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

LEVEL III: Fire severity is in the very high range. Haines Index is Mod-Hi(5-6). One or more Field Office is experiencing incidents requiring major commitment of SLV PLC and local cooperator resources, additional resources are being requested and mobilized through PIDC potential for fires becoming Class D or larger; or a majority of the local reinforcement resources are committed out of FPU..

LEVEL	MANAGEMENT ACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS	RESPONSIBILITY
III	A. Possible activation of ISO and/or expanded dispatch. Type III IMT on-call.	SLV PLC FMO and Dispatcher
	B. New prescribed burning operations suspended, all in-progress operations to be evaluated and documented before continuing in the prescribed fire mode.	SLV PLC FMO, Prescribed Fire Manager, Field Office FMO, Burning Boss
	C. Evaluate Prevention Action Plans for Fire restrictions.	SLV PLC FMO, Field Office FMO's, Line Officers, and Local Cooperators
	D. Consider requesting supplemental resources for pre-positioning through Severity Funded Pre-suppression procedures.	SLV PLC and Field Office FMO's
	E. Detection flights as warranted.	SLV PLC and Field Office FMO's
	F. Review Fire Severity Guide for possible implementation of short or long term severity planning	SLV PLC FMO

NOTE: Each action specified under a level is in addition to all actions taken in preceding levels.

Specific Action Preparedness Guide- Level IV

SLV PLC SPECIFIC ACTION PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

LEVEL IV: One or more Field Office is experiencing incidents requiring Type I or II teams. Potential for numerous incidents exists and/or numerous other incidents are in progress draining local resources. Mobilizing resources from PIDC. Fire Severity Index is Very High to Extreme. Haines indices High (6). Most of the local reinforcement resources are committed to regional and national responses.

LEVEL	MANAGEMENT ACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS	RESPONSIBILITY
IV	A. ISO and/or Expanded Dispatch activated.	Dispatcher and SLV PLC FMO
	B. ALL prescribed burning operations must be controlled by end of burning period. If unable to control with prescribed fire resources then appropriate suppression actions must be taken.	Burning Boss and Field Office FMO's

NOTE: Each action specified under a level is in addition to all actions taken in preceding levels.

Specific Action Preparedness Guide- Level V

SLV PLC SPECIFIC ACTION PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

LEVEL V: Most SLV PLC resources and local cooperators are committed locally/regionally/ nationally. Majority of requested resources will take more than 24 hours to fill. Predicted Fire Severity is Extreme. Haines indices High (6).

LEVEL	MANAGEMENT ACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS	RESPONSIBILITY
V	A. All available resources put on standby	SLV PLC and Field Office FMO's

NOTE: Each action specified under a level is in addition to all actions taken in preceding levels.